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30 AUG 1955

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Lieutenant General Ralph J. Canine
Director, National Security Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Ralph:

STAT Thank you very much for your letter of 23 August
expressing appreciation for the service rendered by
[redacted] during his twenty-two month assignment
to the National Security Agency.

STAT It is always gratifying to receive such comments
with respect to the performance of members of this
Agency, and I am sending a copy of your letter to
[redacted] A copy will also be placed in his official
personnel file.

Again, many thanks for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

C. P. Cabell
Lieutenant General, USAF
Acting Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director of Central Intelligence

DATE: 14 April 1955

FROM : Assistant Director, Current Intelligence

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the National Security Medal to
[redacted]

1. The incoming memorandum to yourself from General Canine suggests the award of the Security Medal to [redacted] who is retiring this August.

2. After checking with the General Counsel's office, with [redacted] it appears that the appropriate way to handle the memorandum is the procedure set forth in the attached reply which is submitted for your signature.

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13 MAY 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Honor Awards Board action on the recommendation for
award of the National Security Medal to []

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1. The Honor Awards Board considered the recommendation for
award of the National Security Medal to [] on
9 May 1955. The Board asked Mr. [] to
sit with it as a consultant during a portion of its discussion.

2. The Board agreed unanimously that the service rendered,
while meritorious, does not warrant the award of the National
Security Medal. Its reasons for the decision are as follows:

a. The Executive Order creating the National Security
Medal and the regulations accompanying the Executive Order
were intended to create an intelligence decoration of a
stature equal to or above the Distinguished Service Medals
of the Armed Services. In establishing working criteria
the Board considers that the standards must necessarily
be those of extraordinary merit rather than those of
superior performance. By comparing the description of
[] services as set forth in the letter from
Lieutenant General Ralph J. Canine, Director of the
National Security Agency to the Director of Central
Intelligence against the type of service for which the
National Security Medal has been previously awarded, the
Honor Awards Board concludes that [] services
do not meet the standard of extraordinary merit.

b. The position occupied by [] and the
length of time he has been in occupancy would indicate that
at least seven (and perhaps more) outgoing incumbents might
be recommended for similar honors in less than three years
time. The National Security Medal might well become an
"automatic" award for a job well done.

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Chairman
CIA Honor Awards Board

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| The Honor Awards Board having considered a recommendation that: | | |
| NAME: | [REDACTED] | POSITION TITLE Colonel, United States Army |
| PRESENT GRADE Colonel | OFFICE ASSIGNED TO National Security Agency | STATION Washington, D. C. |
| BE AWARDED: National Security Medal | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FOR HEROIC ACTION, ON | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOR MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE DURING THE PERIOD 8 October 1951 - August 1955 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVES THE RECOMMENDATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVES THE RECOMMENDATION | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVES, BUT IN LIEU THEREOF, RECOMMENDS THE AWARD OF: | | |
| CITATION | | |
| REASONS FOR DISAPPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED AWARD | | |
| The service described in the letter recommending award of the National Security Medal, while of undoubted merit, does not meet the criteria established for the award of the National Security Medal. | | |
| APPROVED | SIGNATURE Signed | |
| | TYPED NAME OF CHAIRMAN, HONOR AWARDS BOARD | 25X1 |
| DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE | SIGNATURE Signed | |
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IN 6-2461

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

THROUGH : The Executive Secretary,
National Security Council

The Central Intelligence Agency Honor Awards Board has considered the recommendation for the award of the National Security Medal to [redacted] of the National Security Agency, and has recommended disapproval of the award. I concur in their evaluation, which stated:

"The service described in the letter recommending award of the National Security Medal, while of undoubted merit, does not meet the criteria established for the award of the National Security Medal."

WILLIAM W. MILLER
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY

THRU : The Secretary, National Security Council

The Central Intelligence Agency Honor Awards Board has considered the recommendation for the award of the National Security Medal to [redacted] of the National Security Agency, and has disapproved the recommendation stating:

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"The service described in the letter recommending award of the National Security Medal, while of undoubted merit, does not meet the criteria established for the award of the National Security Medal."

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

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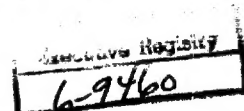
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Security Agency

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the National Security Medal to [REDACTED]

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1. This is to acknowledge the receipt of your memorandum of 11 April on the above subject.

2. Under the terms of Executive Order 10431 and the regulations issued thereunder, the Office of the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council has been designated to receive all proposals for the award of the medal. We have, accordingly, transmitted to that office a copy of your memorandum and are also sending a copy of this reply.

3. At the request of the Executive Secretary of the NSC, the original copy of your memorandum is being sent to the Honors and Awards Board of this Agency, for its consideration and recommendations.

ALBERT W. BULLER
Director

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